GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7764
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ENQUIRY BY BIS
SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG in its report 4 of 2000 (Civil) in paragraph 5.1 on pages 16-17brought out the fact of not implementing the revised rates till September, 1977 thereby causing loss of revenue of Rs. 2.49 crores;

(b) whether the Chief Vigilance Officer of BIS was holding enquiry into thecircumstances in which the revised rates of fees were kept in abeyance for three years and to fix responsibility;

(c) if so, has the CVO since completed its enquiry and fixed responsibility on anyone;

(d) if so the details thereof and the action taken in the matter; and

(e) whether the money of Rs. 2.49 crore been realised by now?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) : Yes, Sir. The revised rates were implemented by Bureau of IndianStandards (BIS) in September, 1997 although the recovery of the revised fee was made retrospectively applicable from September, 1994.

(b) to (d): After the inquiry conducted by the Chief Vigilance Officer of BIS andDirector (Vigilance) of the Department of Consumer Affairs responsibility was fixed on two officers then working in BIS who have since retired.Further action is in process in consultation with the Central Vigilance Commission and Ministry of Law.

(e) : Out of Rs. 2.49 crores, an amount of Rs. 1.97 crores approximately had been realized by the end of March, 2002.